MINUTES OF YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2008

ATTENDEES:

Kathleen Kelly
Geoffrey Ball
Holly Kelly
Sarah Smith
Kendall Kyritz

Caroline Orsi
Natalie Carmona
Alicia Sillars
Jared Kelly
Annie Maguire

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM. The minutes were read with Geoff making a motion to approve and Holly seconded it.

COMMUNITY MOVIE -225 tickets sold and 200 people attended. 4-5 students from The Depot volunteered to help out. Social Service received many beautiful gifts from this event.

TEEN GIFT DRIVE – will start Friday 12/5 until Friday 12/12 to collect more gifts. Social Service has had triple the requests for Thanksgiving because of the bad economy.

8TH GRADE TOPS 70'S DISCO BASH – all girls dressed in 70's attire – boys did not! There were also more girls at this event with the total in attendance being 164.

MISTLETOE MAGIC 12/5 – Approximately 600 kids should attend this event. This time we have different exits and check points. Parking will be in lower lot, with pickup in the circle. We will have two printers for pictures with Santa, and also Polaroid films to speed up process. A suggestion was made to put pictures on Shutterfly – can buy and print pictures themselves. We'll have two Santas – Bob Buch and Joe Warren.

COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL 3/7/09 – No admission charge to this event. There will be entertainment, characiture drawings, face painting, hand-on-crafts, Darien Dance Center – performance, Nature Center animals, possibly a magician, and Theatre 308 performers.

NEWINGTON CHILDREN'S THEATER 3/21/09 – Performing "Sleeping Beauty" this year. We will need to get electrical specs from them to avoid electrical problems encountered with holding this production at Town Hall last year.

VACATION PROGRAMS – We will not be offering these programs this year for either Winter or Spring Break, as lack of interest/enrollment over the past few years indicates there is no need for them.

PUSH/PULL PARADE – question arose as to whether the Youth Commission should support this event this year. Holly Kelly suggested putting money toward something else – bought Playground Brick for Playground on the Sound.

BUDGET – Town is trying to reign in all expenses. We will not raise camp fees, but we will have no discount for second child. We cannot have an increase greater than 3 percent.

SUMMER CAMP – School year ends June 16, so planning camp dates for June 22 to July 30, or June 29 – August 5. Returning counselors and directors, however, will get an increase. Geoff brought up the question of how many scholarships and how much money is available for them. We will also put in requests for schools to Paul Engemann. Alicia suggested Tokeneke as an option, however in all likelihood will pursue Holmes, Hindley & Town Hall.

TOPS – will benefit from Mike Lauro Fund – money raised by putting \$1.00 of admission for each attendee at TOPS event in February and Marsh.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Clark Recording Secretary